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1. According to Polish press reports:

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- a. The East zone of Germany will deliver equipment for the electrification of the Warsaw-Stalinogrod (formerly Katowice) railroad line.
- b. The stretch between Gdynia and Gdansk has received one more track, which has not yet been electrified.¹

2. Investigations in connection with a railroad accident at Kraków, as a result of which 25 persons were killed and more than 100 injured², have indicated among other things the following:

- a. Completely chaotic conditions prevail within the railroads' traffic organization.
- b. An appreciable worsening of the railroad men's proficiency and usefulness has occurred.
- c. During the past year, traffic safety practices have also decreased considerably on the main lines, especially on those which are not used for Soviet transit traffic.
- d. Switch levers and station blocking (signal system ?) at large stations are especially worn out and unreliable. The repairs are unsatisfactory due to lack of materials.

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